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GM's Message 02.05.16

I hope our newsletter finds you well.

We had an AWESOME launch to Civic University 2.0 on Tuesday at Cal State Los Angeles' new downtown campus! With 100 registered participants divided into 5 working groups (one comprised of youth and young adults 24 and under!), our Neighborhood Council BFF Raphe Sonenshein, Executive Director of the Pat Brown Institute for Public Affairs, opened with a smart and funny review of the Civic University 1.0 principles before



the groups worked on their proposals for projects. After only an hour or so, the proposals that were presented were so impressive, I was inspired all over again by how wonderful our Neighborhood Council leaders are. CAO Miguel Santana is the speaker on budget next week so our groups will know how to fund their projects. They'll also get a workshop on Mayor Garcetti's [Open Data Portal](#), which along with Controller Ron Galperin's [ControlPanelLA Portal](#), they'll be able to support their proposals with hard data and numbers. Please note that you can always access these important sites via our newsletter below.



We were happy to host another international delegation from Brazil this week who came to learn about the Neighborhood Council system. As usual, the representatives were impressed with the integration and access of the Neighborhood Councils into City Hall and the work of Councils in their communities. Many thanks to Neighborhood Council Advocates Melvin Canas and Barry Stone and our great Neighborhood Council Advice Division Deputy City Attorneys Darren Martinez, Carmen Hawkins and Dania Minassian for leading the discussion!

Don't forget the Neighborhood Council-LADWP MOU Oversight Alliance and the [LANCC](#) meet tomorrow at the West Los Angeles Municipal Building (2nd Fl), 1645 Corinth Ave.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Best,
Grayce Liu,
General Manager
Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (aka) EmpowerLA
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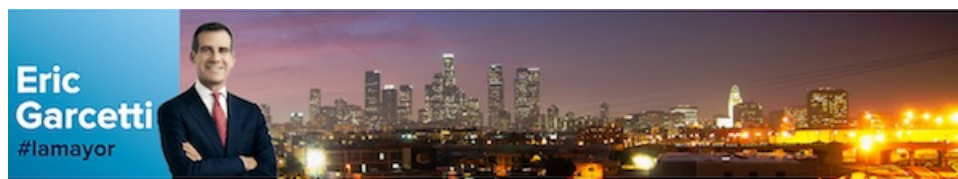
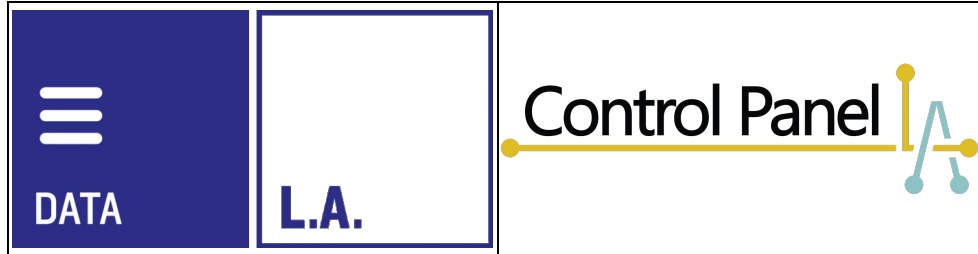


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Mayor's Message

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Bus Shelter Advertising is another great way to do outreach for the upcoming Neighborhood Council elections...

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How-To Guide: Bus Bench Advertising

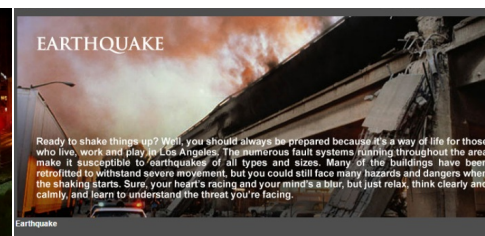
Bus Bench Ads are a great way to attract voters, candidates, and volunteers for 2016 Elections. Neighborhood Councils...

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40 Hour Full Closure of 101 Freeway

The City of Los Angeles, Bureau of Engineering, has announced that a portion of US 101 will be closed for 40 hours this weekend, February 5-7th...

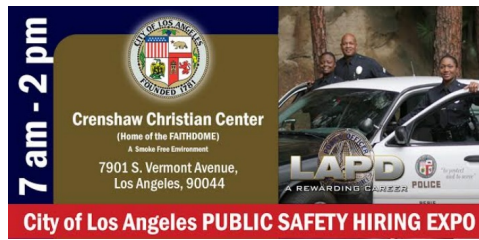


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The Firefighter Recruitment Section will be hosting a second Public Safety Career Expo in partnership with LAPD and LAXPD...

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Please join us at the 2nd Annual Lunar New Year Festival on the LA Waterfront, held on **Saturday, February 6, 2-7 p.m.** at the Downtown Harbor in San Pedro...

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